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## THE VOTING MACHINE QUESTION

At the recent Hartford election, one ward cast but a single vote for a technical school appropriation, as recorded by the voting machine. Until the legal limitation on the opening of the machine expired, it was not known whether but one voter favored the appropriation, or whether the machine failed to record other votes. Now, it is virtually known that the machine failed to work, for it still refuses to record votes upon that question while responding readily and correctly to other test votes.

Naturally, these conditions afford a whole argument for opponents of the voting machines. They assert that while in this case, the result of the vote on the technical school question could not have been changed, a similar failure upon candidates or questions might reverse the results of an election. This can hardly be denied. But every one knows that machinery is not infallible; it is ever liable to more failures. Yet it is not more so than is the human agency. Who cannot recall very many instances of errors by counters at elections? There is one certainty, viz., that while the voting machine may score a failure, as at Hartford, it will do so inadvertently and not by intention—the same cannot always be said of human counts.

Voting machines render very difficult, if not impossible, certain forms of corruption and intimidation; they also, when working perfectly, assure a quick and correct count. These positive advantages overbalance the disadvantages of a machine's failure, for it is a fact that such failures are extremely rare.

As the machines are in use now in several cities, the General Assembly can, and should, provide for new elections in such cases as this one in Hartford. The expense in one ward or district would be comparatively slight. To condemn all voting machines on account of this Hartford failure, would be akin to abolishing all locomotives, automobiles, etc.,—indeed, all machinery, however useful—because they do not always effect the full purpose of their invention.

## SENATE ANTAGONISM

TO MR. HILL.  
It now appears that the opposition to the appointment of Mr. Hill as one of the members of the conference committee on the tariff bill, comes from the Senate. As the House conferees are to represent the House, and not in any degree the Senate, we fail to see why the latter body should have any voice in the selection of the former's conferees. In fact, the Senate's opposition to the appointment of Mr. Hill is a gross impertinence to the House. Would the Senate allow the House to veto the appointment of any Senator, whatever his position upon tariff revision, to the Senatorial part of the conference committee?

It is reported that the Senate opposition to the Hill appointment is caused by his firmness for free hides as voted by the House, while the Senate desires to continue the Dingley duty of 15 per cent which would add not a cent to the prices paid by the Beef Trust for cattle, but would enable the Trust to use its hides in its own tanneries at a cost of 15 per cent less than other tanneries would be compelled to pay. Such a handicap would probably enable the Beef Trust to eventually crush the competing tanneries and to establish a monopoly in this industry. Consumers of meat products who have paid high prices when there was no visible reason for advances, can readily understand what a monopoly of the tanning industry in the hands of the Beef Trust, would mean to every purchaser of shoes, harness, etc. Higher prices would speedily follow.

This country produces but a comparatively small proportion of the hides used by it. A tax on hides would be imposed only to benefit the Beef Trust, at the cost of all consumers of leather products. Cattle raising is not an infant industry; it has attained its full growth and will not be increased by a duty on hides. Mr. Hill should, as an advocate of free hides, be made a member of the conference committee, and it is to be hoped that the House will insist upon his appointment and that, as a member, he will resist to the limit either the continuance of the present 15 per cent duty, or any proposed compromise.

The central idea of Senator Bailey's advocacy of a tax on incomes of \$5,000 or more, is to enable such reductions in tariff taxes as will lessen the cost of living, while producing a sufficient revenue for the government's needs. Under the present tariff policy, the effect is to increase the incomes of the wealthy, at the cost of the people, while not providing the necessary funds for the government. Nothing

more than the mere statement of such facts is needed as the basis for a correct judgment.

President Taft's experience under the Roosevelt Administration, which was largely as a traveling representative of the government, appears to have afflicted him with an aggravated case of "wanderlust." He desires now to tour this country, having exhausted the pleasures of foreign travel, and it is seriously proposed by a member of Congress to authorize the purchase of a private car and a baggage car at a cost of \$60,000 for his exclusive use, and also an appropriation of \$25,000 for his traveling expenses. At a time when both Congress and the Administration are talking economy and when in Congress sundry new taxes are under consideration in order to bring out within income, it does not seem advisable to unnecessarily expend even the comparatively small sum of \$85,000.

Call money touched 3 per cent. in Wall street last Friday, with the result that money came pouring in from trust companies and even from the West. This proves conclusively that there is an abundance of idle money in the country. Some part of the plethora is due to the increasing production of gold, but the major portion is a result of the industrial depression, which has now covered nearly a year and a half. It is hardly surprising that the money lenders are beginning to talk of a redundant currency and of a necessity for contraction, and there is, in some quarters, an expectation that at the regular session of Congress in December there will appear a measure which, in the disguise of providing "a more elastic currency," will really provide for a currency contraction which would advance the interest rates.

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## AN IMITATION ROOSEVELT

Theodore Roosevelt is not in town at present. His valuable time is being occupied by hunting and writing in the wilds of Africa. That young man that so closely resembles him and in his rough rider suit is none other than Frank F. Turley who claims Hagerstown, Md., as his native town. His trick dog, Satan, accompanies him in all his travels. He has been in the business for twenty years, and been doing duty in thirty-nine States.

## NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE

Nearly 20,000 women are employed in the city of London. Two-thirds of the earth's surface never experiences a snowfall. The first steplike clock was set up in Milan 600 years ago this month. The plummy mouse of Siberia is believed to be the smallest quadruped in the world.

A nature of Burma has invented a peanut-husking machine, which is said to work satisfactorily. The Antarctic Circle was first crossed by Europeans by the James Ross expedition, January 17, 1773. China buys from Japan about three-fourths of the coal she imports, about \$5,000,000 worth a year. An international congress of applied chemistry will be opened by the Prince of Wales at London, May 27.

The brain of the average man begins to lose weight at 40 years, and that of the average woman ten years earlier. But little sand is used in the modern manufacture of sandpaper, nearly all of it being made with powdered glass. There are eight paper mills in British India, producing about one-third of the paper that country consumes. Wisconsin's average corn production has increased from 25 bushels per acre in 1901 to over 41 bushels in 1908.

False teeth of ivory, fastened by gold wires to plates of the same material, were in common use ten centuries B. C. New York has nearly 5,000,000 acres of land, "up the land," upon which more than 6,000,000 tons of hay are raised each year. Concrete safes, moulded in a single piece, with steel doors, are a novelty. They are said to be both damp and fire proof.

A Pennsylvania has patented a waterproof cover for women's hats, so compact that it may be folded and carried in the pocket. The longest aerial telegraph line in the world, without a break, is a recently completed stretch of over 6,000 miles in Australia.

During 30 years of asbestos production, Canada, which leads the world in the output of the mineral, has produced over \$20,000,000 worth. The seven Sicilian cables broken by the last earthquake, six have been repaired. The other was too deeply buried in the sand to be raised.

With a view to resisting aerial invasion should war ever occur, the British army will experiment with 18-pound shell against captive balloons. Embodying the principle of the gyroscope is a device which a French engineer has invented to secure the automatic equilibrium of aeroplanes.

Canada's first plant for the manufacture of cressets is to be established at Weedon, Que., by a company employing capital from the United States. A new rifle, using the force of the recoil to eject the empty shells and reload the chamber, may be fired five times in a second and a half.

A veil of lead and zinc ore has been discovered on the ground of the School of Mines at Plattsville, Wis., and will be developed by the students. German railroads are experimenting with electrical sirens, in which the sound is produced by the vibrations of diaphragms influenced by electro-magnets.

Nearly 75 per cent. of the watch-makers in American factories are Germans, 20 per cent. English, and almost all the rest natives of other European countries. A Swiss electric railroad is using a crossing gate which is automatically closed by a motor to which the power is switched by the trolley bows on approaching cars.

In tableware one of the newest inventions is that of an Indiana man, a fork in a slot in the shank of which is set a wheel with a sharp edge to serve as a knife.

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## ROURKE WELCOMES INVESTIGATION OF BOARD

"Cannot be Much Graft," He Says "In Bread at 3c and Meat at 6c."

Commissioner Rourke said this morning: "I am glad that the matter of investigating the charities department has been taken up. So much cheap talking has been going the rounds that we are heartily tired of it all. The books of the department are open to everyone. We hope that they will be examined. If the common council had not decided upon some such investigation we should have asked for it at our next meeting. The board of charities has been conducted on a better plan by the present board than for a long time previously. We have remedied many of the evils and are trying to get rid of all of them. The criticism of the bills sent in to the department is unfounded. President Stone, who is the purchasing agent always asks for instructions from the board concerning any large purchase. The bills are audited by the board of charities and afterwards by the finance committee of the common council. There are certain fixed charges for the supplies of the department. Some of these are: coal and vest, \$3.50; pants \$1.50; tea, 15 cents; coffee, 10 cents; bread, 3 cents; meat, 6 1/2 cents. There cannot be much graft in these prices. There is nothing new in this criticism. It has been going on for years. The matter of the deficiency is entirely in the hands of the Board of Apportionment who know when they make an appropriation that it will be insufficient. They claim that we are provided for by law and they don't want to increase the tax rate to make up what they know will be a deficiency. It's mighty cheap talk and indicates that those who are doing the objecting are really ignorant of what they are talking about or are trying to create a false impression concerning the work of the board. I hope they will investigate and do it thoroughly and then make those who have been trying to make trouble stand out in the open and face the result."

FOUR MEN KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION  
(Special from United Press.)  
Kerrick, Md., April 28.—Four men were killed by the explosion of a boiler at the mill of McGrath and Hogan here yesterday.

## LONGEST CASE OF HICCUGHS ON RECORD

(Special from United Press.)  
Danbury, April 28.—The longest known case of hiccups on record is that of Frederick Reed, aged 55, a colored resident of this town, who has been hiccuping for the past 124 hours. The affliction began last Thursday. For the past two days he has been in an unconscious condition but he is hiccuping still. The doctors in attendance stated that there is no case of medical record where the disease lasted as long and the patient lived.

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